

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Docket No. 34640

STATE OF IDAHO,)	2008 Unpublished Opinion No. 660
)	
Plaintiff-Respondent,)	Filed: September 29, 2008
)	
v.)	Stephen W. Kenyon, Clerk
)	
JAMES MAURICE RODRIGUEZ,)	THIS IS AN UNPUBLISHED
)	OPINION AND SHALL NOT
Defendant-Appellant.)	BE CITED AS AUTHORITY
)	

Appeal from the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Bannock County. Hon. Peter D. McDermott, District Judge.

Judgment of conviction and unified sentence of fourteen years, with five years determinate, for mayhem, affirmed.

Molly J. Huskey, State Appellate Public Defender; Heather M. Carlson, Deputy Appellate Public Defender, Boise, for appellant.

Hon. Lawrence G. Wasden, Attorney General; Jessica M. Lorello, Deputy Attorney General, Boise, for respondent.

PER CURIAM

James Maurice Rodriguez was charged with mayhem and aggravated battery and, pursuant to a plea agreement, pled guilty to mayhem, I.C. § 18-5001, for biting off a piece of a man's cheek, causing permanent disfigurement. Rodriguez was sentenced to a unified term of fourteen years, with five years determinate. Rodriguez filed an Idaho Criminal Rule 35 motion for reduction of sentence, which the district court denied. Rodriguez appeals from his judgment of conviction and sentence, contending that the district court abused its discretion by imposing an excessive sentence.

Where a sentence is within the statutory limits, it will not be disturbed on appeal absent an abuse of the sentencing court's discretion. *State v. Hedger*, 115 Idaho 598, 604, 768 P.2d 1331, 1337 (1989). We will not conclude on review that the sentencing court abused its discretion unless the sentence is unreasonable under the facts of the case. *State v. Brown*, 121

Idaho 385, 393, 825 P.2d 482, 490 (1992). In evaluating the reasonableness of a sentence, we consider the nature of the offense and the character of the offender, applying our well-established standards of review. See *State v. Hernandez*, 121 Idaho 114, 117-18, 822 P.2d 1011, 1014-15 (Ct. App. 1991); *State v. Lopez*, 106 Idaho 447, 449-51, 680 P.2d 869, 871-73 (Ct. App. 1984); *State v. Toohill*, 103 Idaho 565, 568, 650 P.2d 707, 710 (Ct. App. 1982). When reviewing the length of a sentence, we consider the defendant's entire sentence. *State v. Oliver*, 144 Idaho 722, 170 P.3d 387 (2007).

Applying the foregoing standards and having reviewed the record, we conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion by imposing the sentence. Accordingly, Rodriguez's judgment of conviction and sentence are affirmed.